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1. DEATH OF BRITISH SOLDIER AS RESULT OF SNIPER ATTACK
NORTH BELFAST JANUARY 11 BRINGS ARMY DEATH TOLL TO THREE
IN 1977. FIRST TWO DEATHS WERE MEMBERS OF FOOT PATROL SHOT
AT CROSMAGLEN AND BOMB DISPOSAL EXPERT KILLED BY EXPLOSION
COUNTY FERMANAGH. PROVISIONAL IRA RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DEATHS.
IN ADDITION, THERE DAILY INCIDENT OF SNIPING AT FOOT AND
VEHICLE PATROLS AND AT BARRACKS, PARTICULARLY IN WEST BELFAST.
CONGEN NOTES THERE BRIEF PRESS FLURRY AROUND CHRISTMAS OF
REVIVAL SPECULATION THAT BRITISH AND PROVISIONALS HAD "DONE
A DEAL." PROVISIONAL LEADERS SUCH AS SEAMUS TWOMEY WOULD BE
IMMUNE FROM ARREST WHILE PROVISIONALS WOULD MINIMIZE ATTACKS
ON BRITISH MILITARY. THERE ALSO CONSIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION
WEST BELFAST ABOUT ACTIVITIES PARATROOP REGIMENT CENTERING IN
BUT NOT CONFINED TO TURF LODGE ESTATE. CONGEN SUSPECTS
PROVISIONALS NOW DEMONSTRATING THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION.

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2. PROVISIONAL IRA NORTH ARMAGH HAS ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATE
FAMILIES OF MEMBERS ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) ARE
LEGITIMATE TARGETS FOR REPRISALS AGAINST POLICE "TORTURE
TACTICS." RUC HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THERE ANY BASIS
FOR ALLEGATIONS BRUTALITY AND FATHER DENNIS FAUL OF DUNGANNON
HAS DESCRIBED IRA THREAT AS "BARBARIC." HE CALLED FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF THREAT AND CONTINUED RECOURSE TO ESTABLISHED

CHANNELS OF REDRESS. CONGEN NOTES NORTH ARMAGH PART OF "MURDER TRIANGLE" AND ANY ATTACK ON RUC FAMILIES WOULD BRING IMMEDIATE SECTARIAN RETALIATION, PARTICULARLY FROM ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE. SPICER

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